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SUBJ: SAUDI CONCERN OVER SHORTAGE U. S. RICE

REF: (A) JIDDA 0898; (B) STATE 41265; (C) STATE 46316

1. SHEIKH MOHAMMED AL AWADI, MINISTER OF COMMERCE, HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY TO EXPRESS HIS OFFICIAL APPRECIATION FOR STATE'S QUICK AND THOROUGH STUDY OF CURRENT RICE SITUATION. HE STATED IT GOOD EXAMPLE OF U. S. CONCERN FOR TRADITIONAL CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS.

2. MINISTER REQUESTED FURTHER INFO CONCERNING OFFERS BY U. S. TRADE TO SAUDI IMPORTERS. SPECIFICALLY HE ASKED FOR DATES, QUANTITIES OFFERED, NAME OF FIRM MAKING OFFER AND PRICE INFO. EMBASSY EXPLAINED THIS MIGHT BE DIFFICULT OBTAIN BUT PROMISED PASS REQUEST ON.

3. SINCE PART OF PROBLEM SEEMS TO BE INABILITY SAUDI IMPORTERS RECONCILE THEMSELVES TO DRAMATIC PRICE INCREASES, ANY EXPLANATORY INFO WHICH COULD BE USED TO CUSHION BLOW, INCLUDING ANY PROJECTIONS AS TO DURATION PRESENT PRICE LEVELS, WOULD BE APPRECIATED. IT IS OBVIOUS MINISTER WISHES TO MAKE SURE IMPORTERS ARE NOT INCREASING PRICES UNNECESSARILY, BLAMING AMERICAN SUPPLIERS. LOCAL NEWSPAPERS ALREADY REPORTING CONSUMER PROTESTS OVER FOOD PRICE INCREASES.

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